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PRICE, 3 CENTS

YOU MAY READ THIS LETTER

Danville, Va., July 18th 1910.

The Milam Medicine Co.,
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Gentlemen:

My name suffered for many years with a trouble pronounced by her physicians to be uric acid poisoning and although he treated her, she never obtained relief.

Being well acquainted with Milam and knowing I had used his medicine frequently in similar cases, I determined to put her on it. She took six bottles with the happiest results. I read her a letter which she had written to me and she was so relieved and will always take pleasure in recommending Milam for uric acid troubles.

Yours truly,
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\$15,000 Worth of Dry Goods, Notions, Overalls, Shirts, Hosiery, Underwear, Ready-made Dresses, Cloaks, Sheets, Blankets, Trunks, Satchels, Men's Pants, Rugs, Etc.

Contract has been given out for a large brick addition to our store building, which when completed will give us about the largest main floor space of any store in Fredericksburg. We have found the improvement on our store quarters necessary in order to keep up with our business and to enable us to give our patrons still better service and also enable us to display our large stock more creditably. While this work is going on we have concluded to hold the greatest sale that has ever been our pleasure to tell the good people of this community about. This will be a great rebuilding sale. Every item in this mammoth stock will be slaughtered in price. We positively will not exclude anything in this great stock from this sale, as every line of goods will share alike in the great reductions. An opportunity like this may never present itself again. Such an immense stock of desirable merchandise just at the height of the season at unheard of prices. Never before in the history of our business have we ever attempted such an offering.

Remember, some of the lots are limited, and its well to take advantage of this great opportunity at once and as often as possible. Money invested in these great bargains will not only be repaid in the high cost of living, this notable sale begins at once and will continue for 30 days. This will be a spot cash sale. No goods charged for these prices.

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JOHN C. WILLIS & SON.

KING GEORGE DEEDS

List of writings admitted to record in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of King George county since the July term, 1911:

Elizabeth Dickens et vir to Catherine Jones, deed land, \$1.00.

Maria Harvey et vir to D. H. Powers, trustee, deed trust, \$25.25.

Robert L. Robb to Nathaniel Rolins, deed land, \$100.

John Howard to J. T. Minor, trustee for H. Endors, deed trust, \$50.

S. B. Welch to T. L. Hunter, trustee for B. C. Grymes, deed trust, \$52.

Ernest L. Payne et ux to Jane Minor, deed land, \$75.

R. T. Purkins et ux to J. T. Minor, trustee for H. Endors, deed trust, \$400.

E. W. Mason to W. A. Rose, trustee for Theo. S. Mason, deed trust, \$500.

John R. Miffletten et ux to Geo. R. Marshall, deed land, \$246.

Lizzie Williams to T. L. Hunter, trustee for H. Endors, deed trust, \$30.

Lucy L. Gardner to J. Cephas Ballard, deed land, \$250.

Patricia Dewart et ux to R. L. Parker, trustee for Aultman and Taylor Machinery Company, deed trust, \$600.40.

Robert F. Lee et ux to L. L. Lee, als, deed partition.

King George county plat of poor house tract.

Robert F. Lee et ux to L. J. Graves, trustee for Iuz C. Massey, deed trust, \$350.

Anne Holbert et als to Howard F. McDaniel, deed land, \$107.64.

H. H. Barnes to James K. Griffin, bid sale, \$290.

William O. Frank et ux to W. A. Rose, trustee for L. A. Ashton, deed trust, \$239.

Eustace C. Powell, homestead declaration.

Henry Treake et ux to John Beverly, deed land, \$150.

John Johnson et ux to Benjamin Johnson, deed land, \$171.40.

Lorenzo D. Green et als to Eustace C. Green, deed land, \$450.

G. Henderson to R. L. Parker, trustee for Aultman and Taylor Machinery Co., deed trust, \$1,082.60.

Putnam Worrell et ux to Thomas P. Rose, deed land, \$25.

Frank Harrison et ux to T. L. Hunter, trustee for B. C. Grymes, deed trust, \$239.81.

Thaddeus Sorrell et ux to T. L. Hunter, trustee for J. A. Sorrell, deed trust, \$225.

Kate K. Mason, executrix, to Jno. W. Walker, deed land, \$3,000.

John W. Walker to St. George R. Fitzhugh, trustee for K. E. Mason, executrix, deed trust, \$2,500.

James A. Mercer et ux to Wm. Thomas Page, deed land, \$50.

John Beverly to L. A. Ashton, trustee for J. B. Fitzhugh, deed trust, \$38.15.

C. W. Inasco, attorney-in-fact, for Chas. E. Staples et ux to George F. Williams, executrix, \$50.

John W. Walker et ux to W. A. Rose, trustee for H. Endors, deed trust, \$600.

J. B. Green et ux, et als, to John A. Davis, deed land, \$30.

E. W. Jackson to T. L. Hunter, trustee for J. J. Grigsby, deed trust, \$50.

Chas. H. Ford et ux to H. J. Taylor, trustee for Juvenile Dept. Sons and Daughters of Gethsemane Lodge No. 1, deed trust, \$300.

Abraham Pickerson et als, to Albert Smith, Jr., deed land, \$400.

BEAT THE ON STAND

Defendant Tells Story of Wife's Murder.

DENIES HE CONFESSED

Once More He Asserts Bearded Highwayman Slew His Wife, and Gave Lie Direct to Cousin Paul's Tale.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Sept. 5.—Kept up to the highest possible tension—eager for the time of greatest stress in all his young life—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., told to a jury of stern-faced farmers his own narrative of the murder of his wife, Louise (Owen) Beattie, on the night of July 18, at times apparently suffering keenly, but holding himself sternly as a stoic throughout, the young man told in the presence of a crowd that stretched far beyond the sound of his voice the mysterious bearded assassin, who, because of his bitter hatred for automobilists, slew his wife.

He was unsparing in his denials of Paul Beattie, his cousin, who one week ago swore that Henry said to him: "I wish to God I had not done it." He denied absolutely and with bitter anger every damaging sentence of Paul's testimony.

The prisoner declared he never commissioned Paul to buy a shotgun, that Paul never delivered the weapon to him, that, in fact, he never saw him excepting a few times when that "poor relation" came into the Beattie store to borrow or beg, and that then Paul always "was closely watched."

He was equally unsparing in his denunciation of Beulah Blinford, the girl for love of whom the state sought to prove he had slain his wife. He said that he had never seen her since the seemingly from his recital of his relations with her, but many and many an answer to the queries of his counsel were such as to inflame that young woman with bitterness and to rouse her to unforgetting hatred, should the state call her to rebut the evidence offered by Beattie.

Story of Wife's Murder.

Leading up to the shooting of his wife, Beattie said:

"We passed three cars. The last thing I can remember before we turned around was a row of cedar trees which my wife said would make good Christmas trees, and the gate near where we turned."

"State what happened then." "About three-quarters of a mile or a mile from where we turned we were going along easy, when a man came from the left-hand side of the road. He was so close to me that I had to get on the brake so as not to hit him. He asked if I were going to hit him, and I said he had plenty of room and that I should have. I then put on the low gear and reached over to take the brake. He pointed the gun at me and said, 'Get in the car.' I did not want to aggravate him, so I said nothing. As I touched the clutch he fired, and my wife fell back of me."

"She fell between your back and the back of the seat?" "Yes. In the space of a moment I jumped out of the car and saw the man run toward me. He raised his gun to hit me. I caught the gun as it hit me on the nose. He let loose, and being overbalanced, I fell back. There has been something said about blood on the gun. Tom Owen said my face was bloody. I picked up the gun and the man ran up the road."

GEORGE HACKENSCHMIDT.

Russian Wrestler Defeated in Two Falls by Gotch.

RETAINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP

World's Greatest Wrestler Throws the "Russian Lion" Twice in Nineteen Minutes Fifty Seconds.



Chicago, Sept. 5.—The wrestling championship of the world remains at Humboldt, Iowa. It took Frank Gotch, who made that town famous, just nineteen minutes and fifty seconds to top the Russian lion, George Hackenschmidt, who has thus twice failed to wrest the world's wrestling honors from the sturdy Iowan.

The first fall came in 14 minutes, 18.15 seconds on a reverse body hold and wrist lock. The second fall came in 3 minutes, 32.15 seconds, Gotch using his fatal toe hold that won him the championship three years ago.

Hackenschmidt, untrained, was fat. He had no chance whatever. He was a beaten man when he entered the ring.

Gotch, trained to the minute and seeming the acme of physical perfection, beat Hack at every stage of the game. The masterful strength which Hack was supposed to possess did not show to advantage when Gotch clasp of the lion. The Iowa farmer was simply too good for the Russian. He played physical strength against a man who had practically no strength. The result was inevitable.

The second and final fall came so quickly that the great crowd failed to appreciate the fact that the match was ended. The wrestlers had appeared for an opening. Like a flash Gotch caught the Russian around the legs, spun him around and dropped him on his stomach. Gotch's head was at the lion's feet, his legs were wrapped about Hack's body.

He worried the Russian for a few moments about the legs and then in a twinkling threw both hands around Hack's left foot. There was a quick, sharp twist. A look of intense pain passed over Hack's face. He sought to break; he sought to tear his pained leg from Gotch's grip, but Gotch was too strong. He twisted again and Hack gave up.

EASY FOR GOTCH

Defeats Hackenschmidt in Two Straight Falls.

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Refer to Smith's hand fell on Gotch's shoulder and the farmer still was the world's champion.

THE IRRIGATION PROBLEM

To The Free Lance:

In the Connecticut valley about 2,000 acres of tobacco are grown every year for cigar wrappers from original Cuban seed that have acclimated. The greater part of this tobacco is grown under cheese cloth to even the temperature, to protect it from insects and hailstorms. The even temperature produces a thin tough leaf suited for cigar wrappers, and while the tobacco grown in the open air will bring from 60 to 80 cents a pound the covered tobacco will bring from \$1.25 to \$1.3 a pound. The cheese cloth is stretched on wires supported by posts about nine feet high. One may see acres thus covered. As the leaves ripen they are stripped from the stalk and hung on sticks for drying on the racks for yellowing. The most of the details are practiced by the Carolina county tobacco growers on their out of doors tobacco get from 20 to 50 cents a pound for tobacco.

If the Carolina grower will adopt the cover system and strip ripened leaves only from the bottom of the plant and add an irrigation service to be controlled at his pleasure he can then grow an ideal crop as a certainty.

Very few farms through this part of Virginia do not possess a spot suited to the making of a storage basin for a water supply to irrigate a small piece of land, and if the water is supplied as a rain service system, the greatest benefit can be gotten. A farm with a running stream of water can have the water run into a basin lying in the bottom of the diggings used for pumped through overhead pipes to make a dam across stream, and no land or water wasted on the land prepared for irrigating. The pipes are placed sufficiently high to water a team and wagon under. More in next section.

Fredericksburg, Va., Sept. 1, 1911.

WANT TO EQUALIZE ASSESSMENTS

It is rumored that an organization is being formed here to be known as "The Low Tax Club."

The object is to look into the assessments of real estate and endeavor to adopt some plan by which the assessments can be equalized in cases where it is thought they may be too high or too low as the case may be.

WILL CARRY MAIL BY FAST FREIGHT

Arrangements have been perfected by the Postoffice Department whereby second-class mail matter, consisting of magazines and periodicals, heretofore transported in railway mail cars, will be carried by fast freight, beginning Sept. 1.

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NEW ALTITUDE RECORD

French Aviator Goes Up to Height of 13,943 Feet.

Parame, France, Sept. 5.—Roland G. Garros, the French aviator, broke the world's altitude record in an aeroplane.

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and that it can be bought haphazardly with price the only thought in view. There are as many good brains engaged today in the manufacture of SUPERIOR lumber as in any other field of industry, with the result that better stock is being produced than ever before. There are lots of things in the process of manufacture that will spoil even good natural timber—they may show up in the sawing, the dressing or in the drying, but wherever they occur it means inferior stock. Our stock is bought from the latest equipped mills and is especially selected for particular purposes so that you can rest assured that anything we sell you will be right—not only in quality but also in price. This applies to the lowest as well as the highest grades of both Lumber and Mill Work.

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BALL MASON FRUIT JARS to Close Out. 1 Quart 45c. Size special at, dozen.

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Administrator's Sale of Personal Property

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The estate of the late Wm. H. Hefflin, deceased, having been committed to the sheriff of Stafford for administration, I will sell at public auction on

Friday, Sept. 8, 1911,

commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., on the premises where the said Hefflin formerly resided, near Tackett's Mill, in Stafford, the following personal property:

Four work horses, 2 yoke of work oxen, 4 young steers, 14 sheep and 4 lambs, binder, mower, horse rake, drill, wagon, harness, corn sheller, wheat fan, and other farming implements too numerous to mention; one 6-horsepower engine and new thrasher.

Terms of sale will be announced on day of sale.

R. C. L. Moncreu, Sheriff, Administrator of the Estate of Wm. H. Hefflin, deceased. 17a10t

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Sept. 2nd, 1911.

Temperature.

High

Low

Character of Sky

Wind

Direction

Force

Remarks